

Item 5



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: March 5, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:

Sherri E. Fleming, County Executive of Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

APPROVE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2013 AS "PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH" IN TRAVIS COUNTY.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Naming March 2013 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Travis County provides an opportunity to recognize social workers and thank them for their work throughout Travis County. Social workers work for the County in positions in the Courts, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice, Adult Probation and other departments. The social work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil rights and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe for more than a century and continues to be instrumental in improving services across all disciplines. The primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Social workers recognize the value of using personal strengths and self-advocacy to navigate life challenges. Travis County Commissioners Court has issued Social Work Month proclamations in past years and recognized social workers who are employees.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the approval of the proclamation in recognition of Social Work Month.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Citizens who have had their lives impacted in meaningful ways by Travis County social workers will have the opportunity to speak about what the profession has done for them during public comment time.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance the well-being and meet the basic needs of all people, especially our most vulnerable, through programs and services provided as essential elements; and for over 100 years Social Workers have helped America's leader weave the nation's social safety net;

WHEREAS, every day Social Workers address the emotional, psychological, economic and/or physical needs of millions of people

WHEREAS, Social Workers help clients use their strengths, resilience, and self-advocacy to navigate life challenges; they help people function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems through a wide range of psychosocial services; and assist individuals and families in every stage of life; from all communities

WHEREAS, Social Workers advocate for fairness and access to resources that benefit most people;

WHEREAS, Social Work is currently one of the fastest growing professions in the United States:

WHEREAS, more than 650,000 trained Social Workers are employed in many different organizations and industries including private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and universities, businesses and foundations, government organizations, military branches, and veterans centers, as well as national and local public elected offices;

WHEREAS, Social Workers celebrate the courage, strength, and determination of the human spirit, and work to empower others to hope, dream and believe in their own potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY ARE URGED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN CELEBRATION AND SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION BY OBSERVING MARCH 2013 AS

"PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH"

IN TRAVIS COUNTY FOR THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION THAT OUR PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS PROVIDE OUR COMMUNITY.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

SARAH ECKHARDT
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